

REMARKS**Status:**

Claims 1-23, 25-27, and 29-30 stand finally rejected.

This amendment after final is submitted with a Notice of Appeal.

Claim 30 is amended to depend from Claim 29, rather than Claim 20, to correct a typographical error in claim dependency. No new matter is added.

In the Examiner's final rejection, the Examiner rejects Claim 30 under 35 USC 112 with respect to the written description requirement.

It is respectfully urged that there is support in the specification for the language of Claim 30. As noted in the prior response, Claim 29 was amended to recite a relatively flexible instrument and a relatively rigid member, and constraining motion of the distal end of the relatively flexible instrument with the relatively rigid member without substantial bending of the relatively rigid member.

Support for the relatively rigid member is found at page 9, lines 17-28, including description of a mechanism that includes a member that can be relatively rigid or relatively flexible, and the disclosure of a pivot arm that does not bend as shown in Figures 1-6.

Accordingly, it is respectfully urged that the pivot arm disclosed in Figures 1-6 provides support for a relatively rigid member for rotation about an axis fixed with respect to the distal end of the endoscope, as recited in Claim 30.

Respectfully submitted,

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